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PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFTEL SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

8. IT IS CLEAR THAT OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS CONTINUE TO BE BEST SERVED BY A SUCCESS FOR GISCARD. WHILE WE WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH CHIRAC, AS THE MOST CHARISMATIC OF THE GAULLIST LEADERS NOT IN OFFICE, HE IS NOT A LIKELY PROSPECT FOR THE NEAR TERM. WE SHOULD CONTINUE STEADILY AND WITHOUT OSTENTATION TO MAINTAIN OUR KNOWN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO ANY GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF THE LEFT, WHILE THE PCF REMAINS PART OF IT, WHILE MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THE SOCIALISTS. IF IT SHOULD COME TO POWER NEVERTHELESS, WE SHOULD THEN, LIKE GISCARD IN THAT CIRCUMSTANCE, HOPE FOR A SOCIALIST-COMMUNIST SPLIT AND A CENTER-LEFT COMBINATION.
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